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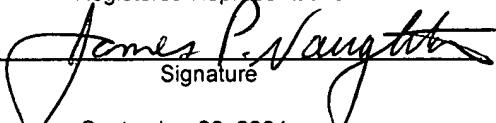
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 30, 2004 AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed on June 30, 2004 in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 – 18 in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith.

Application No.: 09/891,876
Response to Office Action of June 30, 2004

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.